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SUBJECT: TAP AIRPLANE CRASH FUNCHAL

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1. IN ATTEMPT TO ASSIST INSTITUTE OF LEGAL MEDICINE IDENTIFY REMAINS OF ANN E. AMANEIRA AND JACK BRETHOLZ, EMBASSY ARRANGED TO HAVE U.S. NAVY DENTIST ASSIGNED TO NEARBY NATO BASE REVIEW TEETH AND DENTAL RECORDS ON UNIDENTIFIED BODIES. ON DEC 23, LCDR STEVE MALLOY MADE COMPARISONS AND STATES CATEGORICALLY THAT NONE OF THE TEETH REMAINING MATCH WITH THE DENTAL RECORDS OF EITHER AMANEIRA OR BRETHOLZ.

2. WE WILL TRY TO USE THE FINGERPRINTS WHEN THEY GET HERE, BUT THERE IS NOW THE STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT THE BODIES WERE EITHER BURNED BEYOND RECOGNITION, DESTROYED IN THE FIRE, OR LOST AT SEA. AMANEIRA AND BRETHOLZ WERE PRESUMABLY SITTING TOGETHER AND BOTH BODIES ARE MISSING, SO IT IS PROBABLE THAT SAME FATE HAS BEFALLEN BOTH. THIS LENDS CREDENCE TO THEORY THAT BODIES WILL NOT BE IDENTIFIED.

3. TAP LISBON REPORTS THAT SEVEN BODIES HAVE NEVER BEEN RECOVERED. INSTITUTE OF LEGAL MEDICINE REPORTS THAT IT IS NOW IN CUSTODY OF TWENTY-EIGHT UNIDENTIFIED BODIES.

4. EMBASSY IS INFORMED THAT PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES PREPARED TO
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ISSUE DEATH CERTIFICATES ON MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS. IN ORDER TO DO SO IN THE CASES OF AMANEIRA AND BRETHOLZ, NOK MUST PROVIDE FULL NAMES, PDOB, NAMES OF PARENTS, CIVIL STATUS INCLUDING NAMES OF HUSBAND/WIFE IF ANY, AND LAST ADDRESS. ASSUMING GOP WILL ISSUE DEATH CERTIFICATES, WHAT FORM OF FS-192 CAN WE ISSUE, FINAL OR PRESUMPTIVE?

5. PERSONAL POSSESSIONS OF AMERICANS INVOLVED IN CRASH HAVE BEEN GATHERED BY CONAGENT FUNCHAL AND ARE AWAITING TRANSPORTATION TO EMBASSY LISBON. OWING TO THE SATA CRASH, A SUBSEQUENT STORM THAT CLOSED FUNCHAL AIRPORT, AND NOW A TAP PILOTS STRIKE, THEY ARE STILL THERE. WE WILL PROCEED TO INVENTORY AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVE IN LISBON. MEANWHILE, AFFIDAVITS OF NEXT OF KIN OR SUBSTITUTE DOCUMENTS STILL NEEDED FROM BOSKOFF, AMANEIRA AND BRETHOLZ SURVIVORS.
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